

News of Cities and Towns in Four of the Bay Counties

MRS. Blanche L. Boardman, the girl wife of the aged millionaire of Oakland, has brought suit against Mrs. Emma Shafter Howard to secure a deed to the latter's magnificent home across the bay.

Wife of Millionaire and Clubwoman Begin Battle for Oakland Mansion.

Mrs. Boardman in Suit Against Mrs. Howard.

OAKLAND, Sept. 14.—A battle royal is on between two prominent women over the possession of the Howard mansion on Alice street, just north of Thirteenth. For several months the property has been in the possession of Mrs. Blanche L. Boardman as tenant, and today she sued Mrs. Emma Shafter Howard, the owner, to compel the latter to execute a deed to the premises and for \$30,000 damages for breach of contract.

Mrs. Boardman is the wife of aged Joseph Boardman, a millionaire who has been declared incompetent and has been placed under the guardianship of W. G. Palmanteer, vice president of the Central Bank of Oakland. Mrs. Howard is one of the most prominent club women in California. Both women are determined and the legal battle promises to be long and bitter.

MRS. HOWARD CHANGES MIND.

It is alleged by Mrs. Boardman in the suit filed today that she entered into an agreement with the Realty Bonds and Finance Company, as agent for Mrs. Howard, to purchase the mansion she has been occupying for \$25,000. She paid \$500 as a deposit and part payment of the purchase price on August 17. On August 21, she declares, she went to Mrs. Howard's home in San Francisco and offered her the remaining \$24,500. Although it had been only four days since the deal was closed, Mrs. Howard, she says, flatly refused to accept the money or to execute the deed. The club woman had evidently changed her mind about selling the property.

There have been several attempts since to induce Mrs. Howard to take the money, but she has persistently refused, according to Mrs. Boardman, who claims to have made a written agreement with the Realty Bonds and Finance Company to purchase the property at the price named.

GIRL-WIFE OF OCTOGENARIAN.

Mrs. Boardman was pretty Blanche Walker, a 16-year-old schoolgirl when she married the capitalist, who is now nearly 80 years old, about eight years ago. Their married life has not been smooth sailing. Soon after their marriage Boardman was sued for breach of promise by Mrs. Elizabeth Gladstone, a former housekeeper. He won the case and then had trouble with his mother-in-law, Mrs. E. E. Walker. Finally old age and infirmity came upon him and, to protect his heavy financial interests, a guardian was named by the courts in the person of the prominent banker.

The battle over the Howard mansion is the latest of the Boardman troubles and it has caused a sensation among the society folk of the Lakeside district. Mrs. Howard is determined to hold the mansion, which is one of the landmarks of Oakland, and Mrs. Boardman, who is in possession, insists upon having the deed that she says is due her and the \$30,000 damages.

The property has a frontage of 300 feet on Alice street, beginning 200 feet north of Thirteenth, and a depth of 135 feet.

MANSION WITH HISTORY.

The Howard residence has been the scene of some of Oakland's most select assemblies. When Mrs. Howard, after her separation from Charles Webb Howard, for many years president of the Spring Valley Water Works, became the hostess at the beautiful home, she gave special thought to the cultivation of the aesthetic and literary side of life. Her home was open to many celebrities, local and national.

Mrs. Howard helped in a movement to adorn the city's public plazas and was active in many other directions. Some time before the fire Mrs. Howard suddenly ascended the Lakeside club women by giving up her home in Oakland and going to San Francisco. The residence was placed on the market within a short time after her departure the millionaire octogenarian, his young spouse and their child became tenants of the mansion. Now comes the struggle in the courts for ownership.

Personal.

OAKLAND, Sept. 14.—H. R. Smoot, registering from Provo, Utah, is at the Metropole.

E. Reiter of Cleveland, Ohio, is at the Crellin.

A. A. Cadwallader of Philadelphia is at the Athens.

Norman Selby, registering from Dayton, Ohio, is at the Crellin.

W. Vollman is at the Athens, registering from Lehigh, Pa.

J. J. Wortham and wife of Philadelphia are at the Touraine.

M. Clouthier and P. Guemes, registered from Mexico, are at the Metropole.

ADULTERATES THE MILK.—Oakland, Sept. 14.—Maud Fagundes, proprietor of a small dairy at Fifty-eighth and Adeline streets, who was arrested yesterday on a charge of adulterating milk, was this morning found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100, with the alternative of spending fifty days in the city prison. In passing sentence, Judge Smith severely rebuked the defendant, declaring that the adulteration of foodstuffs was a crime for which the law provided no adequate punishment.

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MRS. BLANCHE BOARDMAN, YOUNG WIFE OF AGED MILLIONAIRE, WHO HAS BROUGHT SUIT TO SECURE A DEED FROM MRS. SHAFER HOWARD TO THE LATTER'S MAGNIFICENT HOME IN OAKLAND.

BERKELEY "WIDOW" IS ASSAILED.

OAKLAND, Sept. 14.—"Were you ever arrested for selling liquor within a mile of the State University?" demanded Attorney John McVey when Mrs. M. J. Silvershield, known to college students as "the widow," took the stand this morning to prove her right to special letters of administration on the estate of her brother, John McCune. "Never justly," replied "the Widow," and the question and reply show that there will be a contest over the handling of McCune's estate.

McCune left a house and personal property in Berkeley valued at \$2000 to his widow, Mrs. Alvira McCune, with the provision that she remain single. He named Mrs. Silvershield as executrix of the will, and letters testamentary were issued to her July 10. But that date was within the time that the Legislature, at its special session, declared such legal proceedings should be void.

By consent of both sides Judge Harris set aside the proceedings and now a contest is promised between the widow, Mrs. McCune, and "the Widow" of college-life fame.

At the request of Attorney McVey, Judge Harris continued the hearing until Monday to allow the attorney to produce witnesses in his effort to prove that Mrs. Silvershield is not a proper person to administer the estate. Mrs. Silvershield formerly conducted a restaurant near the university grounds.

DEPUTY CLERKS TO REGISTER CITIZENS ON THE FERRYBOATS.

Accommodation for Commuters Who Are Prone to Neglect Getting Names on the Rolls.

OAKLAND, Sept. 14.—Deputy County Clerk for registration purposes are to operate on the ferryboats to accommodate and make it convenient for the dilatory citizen to get his name on the great register in order that he may be qualified to cast a ballot at the election in November.

In this way it is expected that many commuters who spend the day in San Francisco and are not particular whether they register or not can be induced to place their names on the roll of voters. But ten days more remain for registration and it has been observed that since the recent conventions the voters are waking up to the fact that all who mean to vote in November must register. The daily registrations are now twice what they were ten days ago.

Army and Navy Officers Moved.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—Army orders: Major Adam Slaker, artillery corps, is relieved from duty at Fort Morgan, Alaska, and will proceed to Fort Baker, Cal., and take station at that post.

Navy orders: Lieutenant W. Bethoff is detached from the Preble and ordered to the navy yard, Mare Island, for duty in connection with the torpedo boats and destroyers in reserve at that yard.

MOTHER LONGS FOR HER SON.

OAKLAND, Sept. 14.—Sheriff J. L. Richardson of Shasta County has requested Chief of Police Wilson to locate Jasper C. Bidwell, a son of Supervisor C. C. Bidwell of Shasta County, who resides at Cassell in that county. Bidwell was last seen in Sacramento on February 28 of this year, where he was engaged in newspaper work. Since the departure of the young man from his home his mother has brooded constantly, and her condition is now so serious that fears are entertained for her life.

AUTO RESTRICTIONS LIGHTENED.—Berlin, Sept. 14.—As a result of the representations of the Imperial Automobile Club, the restrictions on foreign automobilists touring the country will be lightened.

DEMOCRATS FAVOR HENRY P. DALTON.

Bourbons Have Him Programmed for Nomination for County Assessor

FIGHT IS INTERESTING

OAKLAND, Sept. 14.—Henry P. Dalton will be the Democratic nominee for County Assessor if the present programme is carried out tomorrow at the Democratic county convention which will be held at Germania hall, assembling at 10 o'clock in the morning. This announcement was made today from Democratic sources as authoritative. It gives Dalton a place on the ticket this fall without the necessity of running independently, unless he should so elect in the face of a regular party nomination.

Dalton declined to allow his name to go before the Republican county convention. He also refused to make a contest in the Union Labor party convention against Charles E. Thomas, the Republican nominee, who also received the Union Labor endorsement. This left the Assessor to the Democratic convention or the choice of an independent canvass. When Dalton gave up the fight in the Republican convention he announced his independent candidacy. There is nothing to prevent him from making his fight either way. Dalton in the past had not bothered much about party nominations. He swung along in his own peculiar way, apparently oblivious of party lines, making his campaigns on his own personality.

This year there was a pronounced and determined fight made by his friends to get the Republican nomination for him. It failed.

The Democrats say they purpose to nominate a Democratic ticket tomorrow in so far as there are Democratic candidates. M. J. Layman, chairman of the Democratic county central committee, will call the convention to order. John J. McDonald, who led the fight at the Sacramento convention for R. M. Fitzgerald as chairman of that organization, will probably be chairman of the county convention.

For the first time since the Alameda County branch of his Independence League, will hold a county nominating convention at Alameda tomorrow. The preliminary meetings that have been held in Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley do not indicate an overwhelming demand by the people of this political division of California for Hearst candidates.

READY FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

OAKLAND, Sept. 14.—The Republican County committee has organized for the campaign, electing George W. Reed chairman, B. F. Woolner vice chairman and H. S. Anderson secretary. James N. Galt, the Republican candidate for Governor, will be invited to open the campaign at a mass meeting to be held in this city, September 22. Governor Pardee will be requested to preside.

FOUND SENSELESS ON SIDEWALK.

OAKLAND, Sept. 14.—Unconscious from the effects of knockout drops and a subsequent fall on the sidewalk, H. R. Hudson, an advertising solicitor for the Evening Journal newspaper, was found by the police at Eleventh and Franklin streets this morning and taken to the Receiving Hospital, where he now lies in a state of coma.

Hudson was found unconscious at 4:45 o'clock and the police ambulance was summoned to remove him to the hospital. There it was found that he was suffering from poisoning and concussion of the brain. All that he remembers is that he took a drink with a stranger in a saloon, the location of which he does not know. Nor does he remember how much money he had at the time. When found he was penniless.

It is the belief of the police that he was given knockout drops and that later he fell on the sidewalk, striking his head, which caused the concussion of the brain. Robbery was evidently the motive for giving him the poison. Hudson is about 35 years old and was well dressed.

OLIVER TELLS HIS WIFE THAT HE LOVES ANOTHER

OAKLAND, Sept. 14.—"I love her; she is my queen. She is a dear little thing," said Walter S. Oliver, a San Francisco real estate dealer, when telling his wife of another woman, whose name he refused to tell.

For that and other alleged acts of cruelty Mrs. Minnie Oliver today secured an interlocutory decree of divorce, \$100 a month alimony and the custody of their three minor children. The decree was granted by Superior Judge Wast.

The Olivers are prominent in Berkeley society circles, where they were married in 1931, and they have since lived in the college town. Their married life proved unhappy, principally because of Oliver's drinking habits, according to the wife. He often went home intoxicated, she says, and would explain his condition by saying that he had been drugged. Once he struck her with his fist.

Judge Ellsworth granted an interlocutory decree of divorce to Frank Sestiero of Pleasanton from Mary Sestiero on the ground of desertion. They were married at Mission San Jose in December, 1934, and the wife left six years later. About a year ago she wrote to her husband that she wished to return to him and he sent her \$15.50, the fare from Los Angeles, where she was then living. He has not heard from her since.

CLUB ELECTS DELEGATES

PALO ALTO, Sept. 14.—The Political Equality Club of Palo Alto held its first regular meeting yesterday afternoon at which two delegates were elected to attend the State convention in San Francisco. The club was pleased with the news that five political organizations had endorsed woman's suffrage at their recent conventions and that two of them have nominated women for State Superintendent of Schools.

MORE TALK OF DALTON.

OAKLAND, Sept. 14.—An "Independent Taxpayers' convention" is to be called Monday night as the nucleus of a campaign organization for County Assessor H. P. Dalton, according to the talk in political circles tonight. Four years ago an "Independent Republican" organization nominated Dalton when he defeated Supervisor John Mitchell for the assessorship.

Society in the Cities Across the Bay.

OAKLAND, Sept. 14.—Mrs. Alice M. Albright became the wife of Robert Bain last evening at a quiet service celebrated at the home of Rev. J. F. Trivett, rector of the Church of the Advent. There were no wedding guests, and immediately after the ceremony the bridal couple departed upon their honeymoon. Upon their return they will reside in Fruitvale, where both are well known. Mrs. Bain is the widow of the late John Albright and is a charming and gracious woman. The groom is prominent in commercial circles, where he is associated with his sons in business.

For the second time this week there was a sound of revelry at the beautiful home of the Soules in Piedmont, and tonight to a late hour 200 of the younger of the social set gathered at a dancing party at the invitation of Henry Douglas Bacon Soule. The young host was assisted in receiving his guests by his mother, Mrs. E. Bacon Soule. The entire lower floor of the spacious residence was turned into a ballroom, while a tempting supper was being served in the marquee on the lawn. Chinese lanterns, small electric lights and trailing ferns carried out the simple scheme of decoration.

Among the guests were Miss Madeline Clay, Miss Patti Chickering, Miss Edith Coffin, Miss Helen Coogan, Miss Grace Downey, Miss Mary Englehardt, Miss Anna Englehardt, Miss Beth Howard, Miss Sue Harold, Miss Enid Laverton, Miss Helen Lowden, Miss Margaret Moore, Miss Katherine McElrath, Miss Lulette Mauvais, Miss Ernestine McNear, Miss Charlotte Morrison, Miss Margaret Ogden, Miss Hazel Palmanteer, Miss Dorothy Taft, Miss Ruth Valentine, Miss Edna Whitney, Miss Madeline Todd, Miss Helen Beckwith, Miss Hazel Burpee, Jack Britton, Franklin Bangs, Harry Butters, Irving Cockcroft, Lloyd Crellin, Colin Craig, Eric Craig, Sidney Carlton, Warner Cope, Ellis de Golla, Donald de Fremery, Sidney Howard, Tyler Henshaw, Curtis Hayden, Lloyd Havens, Frank Isaacs, Spencer Kales, Frank Kales, Fred Kutz, Leslie Oliver, Harold Oliver, Herbert Scupham, Edgar Stone, Maurice Walsh, Fred Whitney, Jeffrey Bangs, Horace Irving, Remi Knight, George Davis, Irving Morrow, Warren Harrold and many others.

Mrs. Frederick Stolp has joined the Oakland colony which finds the smaller town of Hayward so delightful during the summer and fall, and is most comfortably situated in the Albert Sutton place. She does not anticipate returning to Oakland until midwinter.

The luncheon over which Mrs. Wallace Alexander presided today was one of the most enjoyable functions of the week. Mrs. John Waterhouse was the guest of honor. Covers were laid for a score of old friends of the hostess and her sister-in-law. The Country Club made the charming setting for the merry reunion.

Miss Helen Sutphen, the talented young violinist of Alameda, who, accompanied by her mother, leaves shortly for New York to continue her musical studies, will be the complimented guest on Saturday afternoon at a matinee party at Ye Liberty Playhouse given by Miss Emma Lemcke. Those who will form the gay group are Miss Irene Connor, Miss Edith Cramer, Miss

Professor Lange Scores Present Spirit of College Students.



PROFESSOR ALEXIS F. LANGE, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF LETTERS AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

Mildred Dodge, Miss Adele Ehrenberg, Miss Roberta Haslett, Miss Marion Mitchell, Miss Edith Porter, Miss Olga Russell, Miss Alice Teller, Miss Ruth Tisdale, Miss Jean Tyson, Miss Sutphen and the hostess.

The musicale on Tuesday evening at the Home Club, at which Miss Sutphen will make her farewell appearance before her departure, will be a notable occasion, for not only is she a splendid musician but the Sutphen family is among the most prominent in the Episcopal City. A dozen girl friends, including Miss Irene Connor, Miss Alice Teller, Miss Jean Tyson, Miss Roberta Haslett, Miss Emma Lemcke, Miss Edith Porter, Miss Mildred Dodge, Miss Martha Kirby, Miss Erna Young and Miss Mary Sherwood, will serve as ushers.

SECOND HAGUE CONFERENCE.—Washington, Sept. 14.—Although the date has not yet been definitely fixed, the second Hague conference will probably be held next May or June, according to Dr. David Jayne Hill, American minister to the Netherlands, who is now in Washington on a special mission.

He Finds Blatancy, Jingoism and Herding.

BERKELEY, Sept. 14.—A rude jolt was received by the graduate students of the university this morning during their meeting for organizing purposes, when Professor Alexis F. Lange informed them that "college spirit" as he saw it on exhibition at the university at this time consisted of "50 per cent blatant spirit, 25 per cent herding spirit and 25 per cent jingoism and college loyalty."

Professor Lange is dean of the college of letters, a notable figure at the university. He is highly esteemed by student fraternities and the graduate students in particular regard him with reverence and affection. They accordingly invited him to address them this morning as a preliminary to their work of organizing for the year. Their surprise was evident when Professor Lange delivered his characterization of so-called "college spirit," a spirit which collegians are constantly exhorted to covet and possess.

Professor Lange suggested that a proper form of college spirit would be found to include reverence for scholarship, a quality apparently lacking now in collegians as a class. Silence reigned while Professor Lange spoke and for some moments after. Then the formal work of arranging for officers went on. A committee was appointed to nominate officers, this committee consisting of Oliver Young, M. White, J. W. Moran, Miss Edna C. Pruitt and Miss Margaret Moore.

PHYSICIANS DISAGREE REGARDING MAY AVERLY.

OAKLAND, Sept. 14.—Physicians disagreed today in the case of May Averly, a seventeen-year-old girl who was examined with a view to sending her to the Home for Feeble-Minded at Glen Ellen. Dr. Susan J. Fenton was convinced that the girl was feeble-minded, but Dr. L. L. Riggan expressed the belief that she was simply wayward. As Dr. Riggan desired to hear more testimony the case was continued until Tuesday morning.

The only witnesses today were Miss Helen Swett and Miss C. A. Whitney of the Associated Charities and Mrs. C. E. Quincey, matron of the Fred Fitch Orphanage. They based their belief that the girl was feeble-minded on the fact that she would not work, but ran away from homes in which she was placed, and wandered about the streets.

REV. WILFRED HODGKIN WEDS.

BERKELEY, Sept. 14.—Cards have been received by friends of Rev. Wilfred Hodgkin announcing his marriage to Miss Helen C. Parsons, the wedding having taken place in New York on September 10. The bride is a sister of Rev. E. L. Parsons, rector of St. Mark's, in Berkeley. Dr. Hodgkin is rector of All Souls' Church in North Berkeley. He will return about September 23 and will reside at 2533 Durant street.

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